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# STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

In connection with the consideration of the draft reports of the Preparatory Commission* and of the Special Commissions,** which are to sum up many years of work by the Preparatory Commission and its organs, the delegation of the Russian Federation feels it necessary to draw attention to the existence of controversial issues connected with part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which must be resolved if the Convention is to have the universal character without which cooperation in this area will be unilateral and imperfect. The outstanding issues must all be resolved on the basis of the principles of equality and respect for the vital interests of all the major groups of States.

Because these issues remain unresolved, the Russian Federation reserves its position both on the above-mentioned reports and on all the work done by the Preparatory Commission.

The fact that note is taken of the reports of the Preparatory Commission and the reports of the Special Commissions should not be interpreted as prejudging the position of Russia, which will be determined in the light of whether agreement is reached on the controversial issues in part XI with a view to making the Convention universal in character. The outcome of efforts to achieve agreement on the outstanding issues will determine the attitude of the Russian Federation towards the results of the activity of the Preparatory Commission, reflected in the reports of the Commission and of its organs.

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# SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT PROVISIONAL FINAL REPORT OF THE PLENARY (LOS/PCN/WP.52)

Submitted by the delegation of the Russian Federation

In order to ensure that the views and opinions expressed during the discussion of the issues dealt with in this report are reflected in a more considered and balanced manner, and without prejudice to the positions of States, in particular, with regard to the consultations which are taking place under the auspices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to ensuring the universality of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, it is proposed that an additional paragraph 1 (bis) should be included in the "Introduction", which should read as follows:

> "Nothing in this report shall prejudge the position of countries, which will be determined by whether agreement is reached on outstanding issues which gave rise to differences of opinion during the discussions, and about which consultations are taking place with a view to ensuring the universality of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea".

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